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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ward
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Title: Mechanically Sealed Adjustable Gas Nozzle

Examiner: Christopher Kim
Group A.U.: 3752

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The Applicant has received the Office Action dated November 1, 2005. Amendments to the specification and claims are provided herewith on the enclosed pages in accordance with the current requirements of C.F.R. § 1.121 marked *** **VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE** ***.



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